

RECEIVED

OCT 21 2 00 PM '99

ORIGINAL

GENERAL

NOV 19 1999

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Tony L. Smith  
PMB 221  
4509 Interlake Ave N.  
Seattle, WA 98103  
(206) 547-5395

EX PARTE OR LATE FILED

thetony@juno.com

Monday, October 18, 1999

CC DOCKET NO. 99-333

Mr. William E. Kennard  
Federal Communications Commission Chairman  
445 - 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**Re: Proposed Merger of MCI Worldcom and Sprint Corporation**

Dear Chairman Kennard:

I am writing to you as a consumer who stands to be a financial victim of the proposed mega merger of MCI and Sprint. **As a consumer, I believe this merger is not in the best interest of the American consumer and I would like to take this opportunity to explain why.**

Enclosed you will find copies of my long distance phone bill to support my position. Despite all of the long distance carriers advertising five-cent rates and other advertised specials these supposed low rates are overshadowed by the recent implantation of service fees ranging from \$4.95 to \$5.95. To further confusion consumers MCI and Sprint offer packages of free minutes generally 30 to 60 minutes a month. However, as you see by a copy of my enclosed Sprint bill I am charged \$3.00 for the first thirty minutes and \$4.95 as a service fee for my account. Accordingly, I am charged \$7.95 a month for the luxury of having Sprint as my long distance carrier. In addition to the \$7.95, I must pay a per minute charge of ten-cents. Rather confusing isn't it? So actually the free thirty-minutes a month I am supposed to receive actually costs twenty-six cents (\$.26) a minute. What happened to the advertised special of \$.5 a minute?

As you know, the long distance carriers because of the cost of maintaining accounts created the recent service charge of \$4.95. Quite frankly I do not understand how a \$115 billion dollar merger is going to save consumers money or create competition among the surviving long distance carriers.

No. of Copies rec'd  
List ABCDE

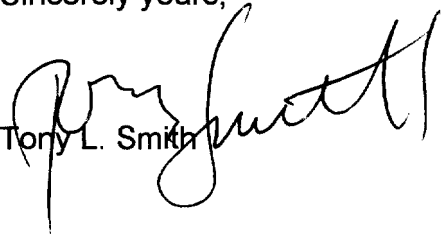
012

Chairman William E. Kennard  
Monday, October 18, 1999  
Page - 2

This merger is not in the best interest of the public. I hope you find my letter of use. Furthermore, I hope you have the courage to standup to these superrich mega corporations and not allow this merger to progress forward.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Sincerely yours,

  
Tony L. Smith

TLS/  
Enclosures



TONY L & ELENA SMITH  
SPRINT SENSE ANYTIME

Page: 2  
Billing Period Ending: 9/16/99  
Customer Number: 401042807

### Account Detail

#### BALANCE FORWARD

Description	Date	Amount
Previous Balance		\$7.76
Payment Received - Thank You	8/31/99	-7.76
<b>BALANCE FORWARD</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

#### SPRINT CHARGES

SPRINT SENSE ANYTIME	Calls	Minutes	Amount
In-State	4	116.0	\$11.60
State-to-State	2	35.0	3.50
<b>SUBTOTAL ITEMIZED CALLS</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>151.0</b>	<b>\$15.10</b>
<b>LONG DISTANCE MONTHLY CHARGES</b>			<b>Amount</b>
SERVICE CHARGE			\$4.95
PRESUBSCRIBED LINE CHG			1.50
<b>TOTAL SPRINT CHARGES</b>			<b>\$21.55</b>

#### SPRINT DISCOUNTS

30 FREE MIN UP TO \$3 VALUE	-3.00
<b>TOTAL SPRINT DISCOUNTS</b>	<b>-3.00</b>
<b>CURRENT MONTH SUBTOTAL</b>	<b>\$18.55</b>

#### TAXES/REG. RELATED CHGS.

CITY SALES TAX	\$40
CITY UTILITY TAX	.68
STATE SALES TAX	1.25
CARRIER UNIVERSAL SVC CHG	.62
FEDERAL EXCISE TAX	.57
<b>TOTAL TAXES/REG. RELATED CHGS.</b>	<b>\$3.52</b>
<b>CURRENT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$22.07</b>

### Itemization of Calls

ORIGINATING NUMBER: 206 547-5395

Nbr	Date	Time	*	Called Location	Called Nbr	Minutes	Charges
1	8/26/99	7:51 PM	N	SPOKANE WA	509 928-5982	39.0	\$3.90
2	8/31/99	7:23 PM	N	PEORIA IL	309 682-7727	1.0	.10
3	9/01/99	7:17 PM	N	SPOKANE WA	509 928-5982	39.0	3.90
4	9/07/99	7:44 PM	N	SPOKANE WA	509 928-5982	37.0	3.70
5	9/10/99	10:17 AM	D	SPOKANE WA	509 928-5982	1.0	.10
6	9/10/99	10:20 AM	D	PEORIA IL	309 682-7727	34.0	3.40
<b>TOTAL FOR 206 547-5395</b>						<b>151.0</b>	<b>\$15.10</b>
<b>TOTAL ITEMIZATION OF CALLS</b>						<b>151.0</b>	<b>\$15.10</b>

\* = The rate in effect at the beginning of the call.  
For a description of rate periods, please see terms and conditions.

If you have any questions, please call Customer Service at 1-888-361-8794, or visit us at <http://www.sprint.com>.



Printed on recycled paper



Sprint is actively working toward solving our nation's solid waste problem. This invoice is printed on recycled paper made from 50 percent recycled material containing 20 percent post-consumer waste.

## KEY RATING INFORMATION

The codes that appear in the "\*" column describe the rate in effect at the beginning of the call.

D = DAY OR PEAK RATE

E = EVENING OR OFF-PEAK RATE

N = NIGHT OR OFF-PEAK RATE

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Thank you for using Sprint.

This bill is due and payable upon presentation, and is past due if unpaid after the date shown on page one of this invoice. Please make check or money order payable to Sprint in U.S. Dollars. Do not send cash. If your payment is not received within 30 days of the invoice date, or within the time allowed by your state's Public Utility Commission, Sprint may begin procedures to cancel all service to you. You will be informed of such an action if required by law.

If any check sent to Sprint in payment for services is returned unpaid by your bank, you will be charged \$10.00, or the highest amount allowed by applicable law, for each returned check, whichever is less.

If you have any questions about your bill, please call us: the number is shown on the front of this bill. Most of your questions can be quickly and conveniently handled to your satisfaction over the phone.

If you would like to question an item on your bill or comment on our service in writing, please address your letter to:

SPRINT  
Customer Service  
P.O. Box 152046  
Irving, TX 75015-2046

Please include your name, account number, the specific question or comment about the bill, and the dollar amount of the item(s) in question. We assure you we will respond to your letter as soon as possible.

While the item(s) in question are being investigated, you do not have to pay them; however, the amount not in question is still due and payable upon receipt of your bill.

It is Sprint's policy to bill all calls to a customer within the next billing cycle after the calls are made. In some instances, however, you may receive a bill with calls that were made three or more months prior to the invoice date of the bill. In the event the total amount of such calls on one bill equals or exceeds \$50, you may request a deferred payment plan.

## NOTICE OF JURISDICTION

Pursuant to K.S.A. 60-308 (b) (11), as a business customer, you may be subject to jurisdiction in Kansas for any dispute relating to your telephone service with Sprint. This is because you have arranged for or continued to receive phone service managed, operated or monitored in the State of Kansas.

## DEPOSITS

Sprint will refund any required deposit in accordance with the applicable rules of your Public Utility Commission.

## CUSTOMER REQUEST FOR DISCONNECT

Sprint will disconnect your service within 30 days after receiving your request for disconnect, or such shorter term and under such conditions as may be required by your Public Utility Commission.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR ACCOUNT HOLDER NAME

Address changes can be noted on the back of the enclosed return envelope or by calling the customer service number shown on the reverse side. For name changes, please call the phone number shown on the reverse side and request a form to change account holder names.